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The Subaltern.

THE DAY HAD been overcharged with sun and unfanned by any wind; the white sand in the streets had attained to such a heat that people moved across it hurriedly. But at eight o'clock a fresh breeze blew in from the bay, and Sandy McDuff bared his forehead to it with a sigh of relief. Sandy was sitting in front of the headquarters of one of the infantry regiments, talking with the colonel, two captains and a subaltern. The camp was set up in a grove of Florida pines. McDuff listened attentively to everything that the colonel and the captains had to say; for these men had smelled powder, felt steel and heard the Indian war-whoop. But he closed his eyes to the sub. (who talked a great deal), and put him down as a windbag. Perhaps the reason for this was that Sandy was a scribbler, and felt that there was good copy in what the older men had to say.

He lit a Cuban cigarette, and mentioned the recent victory of the American fleet over the Spanish. The sub slapped his knee and turned to the colonel.

"By thunder, sir," he exclaimed, "these fellows deserve all they get. It would give me keen pleasure to meet one face to face and shoot him down like a dog."

The colonel looked at him for a few seconds without speaking. Then he said: "Mr. Brown, you may hate a man, and think nothing is too bad for him; but when you have had to kill one you will not consider it such a keen pleasure."

Brown did not reply to this, and the colonel seemed lost in sombre thought.

Sandy was rather pleased with what he considered the "sitting upon" of the young lieutenant. One of his dearest clauses of his philosophy was that the men who talk least about fighting are the ones who fight best.

One of the captains, who had served in the cavalry against the Indians, told a story of a major of Irish extraction.

"We were out on rather a rough campaign, with this major in command," he began. "Twenty-five friendly Blackfeet, hired as trailers and scouts, were put in my charge. One night the major sent a note over to me which read something like this: 'Send over six of your crazy Indians to do guard duty.'

"I resented this term when applied to my own men, so the first thing in the morning I went over with them myself. I saluted, reported the men ready for duty, and then told the major that, first of all, my command was not crazy, and second, that they were here to act as scouts and trailers, and knew nothing of regular military work. The major requested me to remember that we were a long way from the post and that he was my superior officer. I bowed, and returned to my own tent. Half an hour later those six Indians were back in their quarters. I returned with them immediately and tried to make excuses for them, saying again that they were unfit for sentry duty. The major was in a woeful rage.

"'You say they are trailers,' he cried; 'then bring them over here double quick.'

"He called to one of his men and ordered him to drive two stakes into the ground at a distance of about two hundred yards from one another. Then the major gave a carbine to one of the redskins and told him to shoulder it. 'Now, you red idiot,' he said, 'do you see this stake here and that stake over there?'

"The man looked and grunted.

"'All right; spend the next two hours trailing from this one to that one. See?'"

They tried to laugh at the captain's story, and then McDuff said "Good-night" and started back for the town.

At the hotel one of the regimental bands was playing, and the grounds and the rotunda were gay with summer dresses and dapper uniforms. Sandy seated himself in a quiet corner and talked "war" with Billings, of the Exchange.

"We will start for the island within seven days," said Billings.

"That's been the time ever since I came down here. Why don't you make it ten for a change?" replied McDuff.

At that moment the band struck into "The Star Spangled Banner," and every one arose. While standing thus McDuff noticed a familiar head and shoulders at the other side of the room, surrounded by attentive uniforms. He left Billings and hurried across, and the uniforms made way for him.

The band played its last selection and retired. The newspaper men drifted off to make copy for next day's papers. The girl in white and blue sat on, and McDuff waved her fan. They talked like old friends, which means that sometimes they did not talk at all. Yet they had known each other only a week. McDuff talked about the North and she about the East. They discussed books and horses—the press and the army.

"I saw young Brown of the Tenth to-night. What a lot he has to say about things he knows not of," said McDuff. As the girl did not answer he continued, telling of the "call-down" delivered by the colonel.

She laughed—a little sadly.

"The colonel knew that Mr. Brown would very soon have a chance to test his emotions," she answered.

McDuff smiled, feeling the weight of his war pass in his inside pocket.

"We all expect to get to Cuba inside two weeks," he said.

The girl looked at her watch.

"It is now eleven o'clock," she said. "At half-past eleven Lieutenant Brown starts for Cuba on a tug loaded with ammunition and rifles. He has fifty Cubans and a few of our regulars under him and will try hard to make a landing. You see, Mr. McDuff, that it is considered a talent in the army to be able to talk a great deal without telling anything."

Sandy had no reply ready for this statement. He wondered how she came to know it all. But he did not ask. He only remarked upon the lateness of the hour and went off toward his rooms in town.

Three evenings later McDuff returned from a hot ride, and went up on to the second balcony to cool off. He unbuckled his leggings, pulled a cigar from one pocket and a newspaper from another, and dropped into a steamer-chair. The first thing he saw was an account of the landing of the tug "Lilly" on the Cuban coast, of a fierce fight with Spanish cavalry, and of the heroic behavior of Lieut. H. C. Brown and his men. The report also said that a newspaper correspondent with the party had escaped capture only through the bravery and skill of this same young Brown, who had freed the man, single-handed, from the clutches of three Spaniards. The enemy was defeated, the arms and ammunition safely landed, and even now the "Lilly" was on her return trip to Port Tampa.

McDuff immediately refastened his leggings and went around to call on the girl in white and blue. He found her in a rustic chair, under a clump of yellow-stemmed bamboo. He took back all the evil he had said and thought of Brown, and then praised him highly.

"He was more successful on both his other expeditions of the same kind," she replied. "They never had to fire a shot before."

McDuff was painfully surprised.

"Why didn't he tell me that he had been landing Cubans ever since the declaration of war?" he groaned.

A week went by and still the troops were not ordered on board the transports, and still the war correspondents waited for the countersigning of their passes. McDuff grew tired of rushing about all day asking people what they knew, so he decided to lie low and do some work. He found that if he tried to write during the day he lost too much flesh, and at night he was nearly killed by divers insects. So he turned out a few hundred words every morning before breakfast, and spent the rest of his day reading W. Clark Russell's icy novel, "The Frozen Pirate." This and an outfit of white duck clothing kept him fairly cool.

One night, much to his surprise, he received a call from Second Lieutenant Brown. As they shook hands he noticed an expression on his visitor's face—a shadow about the eyes which had not been there at their last meeting. They sat down, and McDuff spoke about Brown's rescue of the war correspondent.

"Yes," replied the officer, "it made a good newspaper story; but I am sorry it came in my way. Remember what the colonel said the other night about killing a man? Well, the colonel was right. One of the three fellows who had hold of the correspondent was a young captain—a man who had received his education in America. He and I were very close friends once. About five years ago he went home to Spain, and last week I shot him while he was looking straight into my eyes—just beginning to recognize me. The man I rescued wasn't worth that, I think."

Then Brown put his face in his hands and cursed the necessity of war.
—THEODORE ROBERTS, in "The Independent."

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"Throw it out," said one. "Give it away," said another. As it seems a poor kind of giving to bestow that which is worthless to yourself, the last advice was not followed. But the rose shade was so handsome, and the colored glass jewels and hanging drops all intact, it provoked sundry experiments, and the result is a restoration to beauty and usefulness of a lamp that was an eyesore for its verdigris covered brasswork. In most stoves a very fine powder accumulates that is not ashes, yet has the essence of wood in it. Part of this, in one saucer, was moistened well, and another saucer held the dry powder, a pan of good soapsuds stood near, and a piece of sheepskin was at hand. With a toothbrush all the brass was well scoured, then washed in the suds and dried. At this point there was not much encouragement, but now the dry powder and the sheepskin were vigorously applied, and, to the surprise of the skeptics, the brass shone with a soft luster very superior to even the hard brilliancy of newness. This powder will restore the brass rods when tarnished and fly specked, and an occasional rub with a woolen cloth or piece of sheepskin dipped in the dry powder will keep them in good condition.

Its funny that the athletic girl is inclined to dispense with the corset, because it's just the thing to keep her in good form.

HORRORS OF COCAINE.

Frightful Sensations of Those Who Are Slaves to the Drug.

The evils cannot be more strongly revealed than in the experience of an Australian physician. He has given the world of medicine the benefit of a narration of what he underwent after he had become addicted to the almost constant use of the drug. In the course of that confession, which he did not hesitate to make public, he said, in describing his sensations: "The first feeling a cocainist has is an indescribable excitement to do something great; to leave a mark. But, alas, this disappears as rapidly as it comes, and soon every part of the body seems to cry out for a new syringe. The second sensation—at first, at least, no hallucination—is that his hearing is enormously increased, so that he hears the flies walking over the paper. Very soon every sound begins to be a remark about himself, mostly of a nasty kind, and he begins to carry on a solitary life, his only companion being his beloved syringe. Every passerby seems to talk about him. Often and often have I stopped persons or ordered the police to arrest them, thinking they were talking about me.

"After a relatively short time begins the 'hunting of the cocaine bug.' You imagine that in your skin worms or similar things are moving along. If you touch them with wool, especially absorbent wool, they run away and disappear, only to peep cautiously out of some corner to see if there is any danger. These worms are projected only to the cocainist's own person or clothing. He sees them on his washing, in his skin, creeping along his penholder, but not on other people or things and not on clothes brought clean from the laundry. How is this to be explained? About the same time appear many other hallucinations of the opticus and, strange to say, self suggested hallucinations also. Night turns to day. You sit up in your room syringing until the morning and then fall asleep in a coma. In my case this occured to such an extent that I had to engage a hospital warder, who came in the morning to revive me with about ten syringes of 5 per cent solution, so that I was able to drive, not walk, fearing some one might garrote me. Other dreadful hallucinations I had in thousands, all of a persecuting character and frightening the life out of me so long as the effects of the drug lasted.

"You see small animals running about your body and feel their bites. Every object seems to become alive to stare at you. From all corners look revolvers, knives, etc., and threaten you. Yet so soon as the effect of the injection is over you laugh at it and produce willingly by a new injection the same terrors. About that time I bought three St. Bernard dogs, thinking they would protect me, but one night I found they were talking about me—how they could get rid of me—so I stood up and shot one of them with a revolver, which I always used to carry. I think this was the most dreadful night of my life—I standing on the table, with an Indian dagger and a syringe on the ground, one three foot high dog going to die and two rather dangerous dogs roaring and groaning aloud, reproachfully looked at me, who always fancied, 'Now comes the moment when they will tear you to pieces.' I stood the night on the table until the arrival of my wardman, who hardly risked to enter the room.

"The strange thing, however, in the cocaine habit is that there seem to be two souls in the cocainist—one infested by the cocaine, suffering and tortured by its effects, the other normal, laughing at his fears and saying: 'What nonsense! It is only a hallucination, produced by an injection.' Not frightened enough by these experiences and escaping from the troubles produced by his conduct, on the cocainst goes, taking more and more, and then enters a new kind of illusion which finishes him up for the madhouse."—Philadelphia Times.

Judged by Appearance

A Japanese gentleman, who now holds the position of chemist in an iron and steel foundry just outside of the city, has had his religious convictions sadly shattered since his sojourn in this country. He was converted to Christianity in Japan through the efforts of an enthusiastic Presbyterian missionary there, and because the missionary wore a silk hat the faithful Japanese supposed that a silk hat was always an adjunct of Christianity. When the steamer which brought him to America reached San Francisco, it was boarded by a man in a silk hat, who swore continuously in most shocking style. Such language from a man who was certainly a Christian because he wore a silk hat upset the oriental's belief, and he shortly lapsed into agnosticism.—Philadelphia Record.

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Laurel—Aug. 17.
Ocean Grove—Aug. 19.

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FREAKS OF A TORNADO

John R. Musick, of Kirksville, Missouri, thus describes, in the August Century, certain madcap pranks of a tornado which passed through that city on April 27th:

Many strange freaks were played by the tornado. In a tree-top was found a woman's hair, supposed to have been blown from her head as she was carried through its branches, yet no person was found near it. A human scalp was found three miles from the city limits, under a bridge. Notes, letters, and papers were blown from the city into Iowa, and found ninety miles away. One promissory note of four hundred dollars was found in a field near Grindell, Iowa, nearly one hundred miles away, while clothing and papers were scattered along the entire distance.

One woman was decapitated by a tin roof, and her child was killed near her. Some persons who were outside the rotating current were killed or injured by flying timbers, which, like bolts from the catapult of Jove, flew with deadly force for a great distance, while others in the very center of the storm escaped with little or no injury.

Perhaps the most remarkable experience were those of Miss Moorehouse, Mrs. Webster, and her son. The three were caught up in the storm, and were carried beyond the Catholic church, nearly one-fourth of a mile, and let down on the common so gently that none were killed. Mrs. Webster had some slight cuts about the head, her son had one arm fractured, but Miss Moorehouse was uninjured.

"I was conscious all the time I was flying through the air," said Miss Moorehouse, "and it seemed a long time. I seemed to be lifted up and whirled round and round, going to a great height, at one time far above the church steeples, and seemed to be carried along distance. I prayed to the Lord to save me, for I believed he could save me, even on the wings of the tornado; and he did wonderfully preserve my life. As I was going through the air, being whirled about at the sport of the storm, I saw a horse soaring and rotating about with me. It was a white horse and had a harness on. By the way it kicked and struggled as it was hurled about I know it was alive. I prayed God that the horse might not come in contact with me, and it did not. I was mercifully landed upon the earth unharmed, saved by a miracle."

Young Webster says he saw the horse in the air while he was being borne along by the storm. "At one time it was directly over me, and I was very much afraid I would come in contact with its flying heels." The horse, it is said, was caught up and carried one mile through the air, and, according to the accounts of reputable witnesses, at times was over two hundred feet high, passing over a church steeple. Many who were not in the storm say that they saw horses flying in the wind. Beyond being well plastered with mud, the white horse was uninjured by his aerial flight.

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Walking at night on the Reading Railway, Reuben Fair, of Spring Valley, Berks County, was killed by a train.

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Patriotic

A bright and patriotic American girl who was recently in Oxford, England, attended an afternoon tea while there, and soon found herself, her country, its institutions and customs objects of great interest. The conversation was animated and prolonged well into the evening, and the young American took a conspicuous part therein. Physically exhausted thereby, the maiden knelt for her customary devotions at her bedside that night in a mood somewhat less attentive than usual, so that, as she confessed confidentially to her friends, she discovered herself saying, "Thy will be done, on earth as it is in America!"—New York Tribune.

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WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our Special Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 31, 1899.

IDLE as newspaper men are generally, they do not always get on to things as soon as they occur. For instance, none of the Washington correspondents knew until a day or two ago, that President McKinley had ordered a cablegram sent to Gen. Otis more than a week ago, telling him that the President was entirely satisfied with what he had accomplished and believed that he had done all that could have been done under the circumstances. The following is a portion of the answer of Gen. Otis: "I appreciate very much the confidence the President has expressed in me and assure the President that I have no other ambition or thought than to carry out his instructions. With the plans, now matured, I believe that we can suppress the rebellion in a reasonably short time, with honor to the U. S. and satisfaction to the President." It is highly creditable to the President that while the yellow journals were demanding the recall of Gen. Otis, because he had failed to please some of the correspondents and to accomplish impossibilities, he should have shown his confidence in him in such a marked manner. That the President and the entire administration had implicit confidence in Gen. Otis, has been known in Washington all the time.

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Secretary Root arrived in Washington to-day and will, to-morrow, formally succeed Gen. Alger as Secretary of War. There are many rumors in circulation as to what his policy is to be, but they are merely guesses, mostly wild. There is no occasion for a Secretary of War to have any policy other than that of the President, under whom he serves, and no reason to believe that in that respect, Secretary Root will differ in any radical way from his predecessor.

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A great many kind words will accompany Secretary Alger into private life, and being spoken at this time, there is no possible reason to doubt their sincerity. The following remarks made by Representative Joy of Mo., are a fair sample of what is being said by many Republicans of prominence: "I am not surprised to see Gen. Alger's election to the Senate predicted. I make the same proophecy instead of being the target for all manner of abuse and the victim of everybody's persecution, Gen. Alger will become the hero, and this will be especially true of his future in his own State. As Senator Elkins has said, he was at the head of the War Department during a most successful war. He equipped and put 250,000 men in the field in an incredibly short space of time, and when everytoing had to be obtained at almost a moment's notice. To be sure, the soldiers did not have pie for breakfast, nor were feather beds carried around for them, but on the whole they fared remarkably well. The time will come when Gen. Alger will be given credit for his great work and the kindliness of heart which accompanied his executive administration."

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Representative Smith, of Ills. thus summed up the amusing wobbling of the Democrats on the issues of the Presidential campaign: "The Democrats may try to run their campaign on a dozen issues, but the moment they nominate Bryan, they will force the silver issue to the front. They cannot escape it if he is the nominee, as now seems practically settled. Mr. Bryan cannot subordinate silver unless he descends to mere pettyfoggy in politics, for he is the embodiment of the idea. If silver is not mentioned in the platform, and Bryan is nominated, the people will not be deceived. They know Bryan's position two well.

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"Three hundred million bushels of corn and $50,000,000 on deposit in its banks," said Representative Curtis," have drowned out the calamity wailers and restored Kansas to its old place among the sure Republican States. Thousands who voted for Bryan in '96, will vote for McKinley next year, and it can be classed among the certainties that Kansas will give the Republican presidental electors not less than 25,000 majority."

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All the Democrats talk about political favors to be bestowed by the granting of public franchises in Porto Rico, was rendered useless, not to say silly, by the opinion of Attorney General Griggs, to whom the question was referred some weeks ago, by Secretary Alger, that the right to grant these concessions is vested in Congress alone. This case is another indication of the wisdom of waiting until something has been done to criticise, before opening your batteries. The hair trigger critic misses oftener than he hits, and every miss makes him more ridiculous in the eyes of sensible men.

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Secretary Long, and every officer on duty at the Navy Department, unite in expressing disbelief of the alleged interview with Admiral Dewey, which makes him say that our next war will be with Germany, and other things which are inconsistent with his general record for level-headedness.

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Text of the Lesson, Ezek. xxxvi, 25-38—Memory Verses, 25-27—Golden Text, Ezek. xxxvi, 26—Commentary Prepared by Rev. D. M. Stearns.

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25 "Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean from all your filthiness, and from all your idols will I cleanse you." The topic of our lesson is "The New Heart," but we must notice the context and observe to whom the words are spoken, then take the lesson for our own hearts. The previous verses speak of the land of Israel, the mountains of Israel, the people of Israel and of Israel's shameful treatment of Jehovah, on account of which He scattered them in many lands, but verse 24 says that He will take them from all lands and bring them to their own land, and our lesson begins by saying that then He will cleanse them. I have found but one thing in all the Bible that God says He will do with all His heart and soul, and that is that He will thus put Israel in their own land (Jer. xxxii 41).

26 "A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you, and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh." As when the Lord God said to the serpent, "I will put enmity between thee and the woman" (Gen. iii, 15) He indicated that He would do it Himself, so here the giving of the new heart and spirit is His work alone, but notice that while God is willing to give the new heart we must be willing to receive it, or rather, Him, for Christ Himself in us is the new life (I John v 12, John i, 11, 12).

27 "And I will put my Spirit within you and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments and do them." Not by might nor power of man, not by prayer or striving, not by intellect or education but by the Spirit of God is the new life to be lived (Zech. iv, 6). When we receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour we at once become the abode or mansion in which the Father, Son and Spirit will dwell (John xiv 17 23). Then it becomes true that we are the temple of God and the Spirit of God dwelleth in us (I Cor iii 16).

28 "And ye shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and ye shall be my people, and I will be your God." The first part of this verse can only be understood in the light of the promises made to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob from Gen xii onward, and which still await fulfillment. The church, the body of Christ, has no land on earth, but is a company of people gathered out of all nations whose home is to be the New Jerusalem. As to the last part of the verse, we are authorized in II Cor. vi. 16, to appropriate it to every believer.

29 "I will also save you from all your uncleannesses, and I will call for the corn and will increase it, and lay no famine upon you." Here we may appropriate the first part of the verse as being true for the believing gentile as well as for national Israel, but the last part has special reference to Israel in the time of their restoration. In II Cor vii, 1, the promises of God to be a God and Father to those who are willing to separate themselves unto Him are used as a reason why we should cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit.

30 "And I will multiply the fruit of the tree and the increase of the field that ye shall receive no more reproach of famine among the heathen." This is specially for Israel, but contains precious things for us also. When the people of God run to the world for pleasure it is like saying God does not satisfy us, and so we turn to you for comfort, and thus the name of the Lord is reproached.

31 "Then shall ye remember your own evil ways and your doings that were not good and shall loathe yourselves in your own sight." There is a deep and helpful lesson here for every saint, for until we learn to loathe ourselves we have not truly seen the Lord nor known ourselves. Ponder prayerfully Job xlii. 5, 6, Isa vi. 5, Dan x. 8, Rom vii 18, Phil iii. 3, and turning from all that is of self, learn to say, "Thou art worthy, O Lord!"

32 "Not for your sakes do I this, saith the Lord God, be it known unto you." The same thing is said in verse 22, with the addition "for mine holy name's sake, which ye have profaned among the heathen whither ye went." It is a solemn and searching thought that we are ever honoring or profaning the name of our Lord, that worthy name by the which we are called (Jas ii 7). It is comforting to know that He forgives us, not for any merit on our part, but only for His name's sake (Isa xliii. 25, I John ii 12).

33 "I will also cause you to dwell in the cities, and the wastes shall be builded." This and the following verses are wholly for Israel, but there are suggestive thoughts for all saints. David caused Mephibosheth to dwell in Jerusalem and to eat at his table, yet he continued lame on both feet (II Sam ix, 13). We may dwell both at Jerusalem and Hebron, or, better still, in God Himself, and continually enjoy His bounty, though in ourselves unworthy and helpless, lame on both feet.

34 "And the desolate land shall be tilled, whereas it lay desolate in the sight of all that passed by." How many lives of professing Christians are desolate of all that is refreshing to God or man! It is never springtime with them, but always the bleak and cold winter season. There is life, but it is not manifest either in spirit, flowers or foliage, and no one is attracted to Christ through them.

35 "This land that was desolate is become like the garden of Eden." Such is the transformation in a life when the soul sees the beauty and loveliness of Christ and becomes yielded to and filled with the Holy Spirit. There are foliage, flowers and fruit to the glory of God. There are joy and gladness and continual sunshine because the Father, Son and Holy Spirit are filling the temple and have full control in it, working in it both to will and to do of their good pleasure (Phil. ii, 13).

36. "Then the heathen that are left round about you shall know that I the Lord build the ruined places and plant that that was desolate. I the Lord have spoken it, and I will do it." Whether in Israel or the church or the individual life, God must be glorified, and when we are willing that He shall be glorified in us, that it shall be "Not I, but Christ," then He will work and people will glorify God in us (Gal. i, 24). But the next two verses following our lesson tell us that God wishes us to ask Him to do for us that which He offers to do. He puts before us the possibilities of a life wholly for Him, but if there is no response on our part He passes by, just as when He walked with the two to Emmaus on the resurrection day.

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During the month of August the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore Railroad Company will run the following one-day excursions to Rehoboth and Ocean City: Thursdays, August 3, 17, and 31.

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	Train leaves.		Exc. Rate.
Wilmington, Del.	6.25	A. M.	$1 25
New Castle "	6.38	"	1 25
Kirkwood "	6.55	"	1 25
Middletown "	7.11	"	1 25
Townsend "	7.19	"	1 25
Smyrna "	7.14	"	1 25
Clayton "	7.40	"	1 25
Cheswold "	7.51	"	1 25
Dover "	8.02	"	1 25
Wyoming "	8.10	"	1 15
Woodside "	8.22	"	1 10
Viola "	8.28	"	1 05
Felton "	8.34	"	1 00
Harrington "	8.53	"	1 00

	Exc. Rate to Rehoboth.		Exc. Rate to Ocean City.
Milford, Del.	9.08	A. M.	75 cts. $1 00
Ellendale, "	9.22	"	75 " 1 00
Georgetown"	9.40	"	50 " 75
Lewes, "	10.05	"	20 " Rate to Ocean City.
Frankford, Del.	10.00	A. M.	65 cents.
Selbyville, "	10.09	"	50 "

Returning, special train will leave Ocean City 4.50 P. M., Rehoboth 5.30 P. M.

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In the passing of Robert G. Ingersoll there vanishes a personality whose influence, if it had been as great as his ambition, would have revolutionized the world. His enemies will admit that he was an honest man, some of them will acknowledge that he was a sincere man, and all will say that he was a master of eloquence whose powers were worthy of a nobler cause than that to which he applied them.

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"POLITICALLY VIRTUOUS" AH!

"If Addicks could be induced to emigrate to that Arizona principality which he has just purchased Delaware might become politically virtuous once more.—Philadelphia Times.

"When was Delaware politically virtuous?

"Delaware politics is Democratic politics. It follows, according to the confession of the Times, that Democratic politics is corrupt politics. Delaware has been Democratic in politics for more than a generation, and every phase of the present political condition of the State is clearly and undeniably traceable to Democratic sources of origin and practice; and whatever of recent development there has been to attract attention and provoke adverse criticism, is the result of Democratic political purposes and methods.

"Delaware has never been "politically virtuous" under Democratic control. It follows to assure the possibility suggested by The Times, the Democratic party must be defeated in this state. The political history of the State, however. teaches us that this desirable result was never possible, at least not probable, until Mr. Addicks became interested in the State's politics. (1)—The Democratic party was going from bad to worse continually. The Republican party, unable to cope with its opponent, had degenerated into a useless appendage of the national Republican party, and was fritting away its powers, and losing its opportunities, in factional fights over Federal patronage. This was the condition of things when Mr. Addicks entered the fight, and proposed to undertake the seemingly hopeless task of defeating and routing the party that had made, and was keeping Delaware politically corrupt. (2)—Under his leadership the Republican party of Delaware has defeated the Democratic party; has defeated it three times in succession and drove it to a confession of all its evil purposes in riot and revolution. (3)—It is because of this success that Democrats and bolter Republicans would ostracise him politically and exile him from the State.

"He is not going. He is going to help make Delaware "politically virtuous once more."—Wilmington Sun.

The "Sun" which has been "independent" only in name under a "fellow" called Congdon; has this week come out under its true banner—Addicksite. It sneers at "political virtue" neither its owner nor editor understanding the term. But there is such a quality and Delawareans irrespective of politics should seek their officials from among those who possess it. The times demand it. Volumes could not say more.

The "Sun" speaks truthfully when it says the Democrats of Delaware are responsible for the bad condition of affairs here. They have held the power without interruption for over thirty years. They have set the example for all that is bad—the party managers. Many fair and honest Democrats have striven for something different. They have influenced affairs for the better as evidenced by the New Constitution, but they have not run the machine else county finances would not be in their present condition.

(1)—Let us understand the Addicks claims. When did Mr. Addicks become "interested in State politics?" We await the "Sun's" answer.

(2)—When did Mr. Addicks "enter the fight"? We await the "Sun's" answer.

(3)—When and how has Mr. Addicks defeated the Democratic party "three times in succession"? We await the "Sun's" answer.

In this connection it is timely to say to Democrats who cry so loudly "Addicks! Boodle!! Bribery!!!" that they have aspirants who are no better than Addicks. Remember Farlow, King, Clark. They have one prominent aspirant for the United States Senate, if the press is to be credited, who is in no sense above the Addicks type. Republicans argue that "the frying pan" is as comfortable as "the fire" and there is danger of "the fire." See!

But we await the "Sun's" answers.

COUNTY APPROPRIATIONS

The way to have economical county and state government is for every intelligent tax payer to take an interest in the expenditure of the public funds show the officials that you have a knowledge of the funds and how they are used. If this were practiced generally it would bear fruits. For these reasons and others the following county appropriations for the year beginning July 1st should be cut out and "pasted in your hat:"

Loan for funding floating debt	$ 10,000.00
Trustees of the poor	30,000.00
Public roads	1,000.00
Salaries	36,000.00
Interest on bonds	30,000.00
Public buildings	5,000.00
Jail commissioners	7,000.00
First district	8,000.00
Second and Third districts	15,000.00
Fourth district	8,000.00
Fifth district	7,500.00
Allowances to assessors	2,000.00
Coroners and physicians	1,500.00
Magistrates and constables	7,000.00
Officers of the court	10,000.00
Printing and stationery	5,000.00
Errors in assessment	30,000.00
Court expenses	20,000.00
Light, power and water	2,000.00
Water and light at jail	1,800.00
Ferris Industrial School	5,000.00
County morgue	200.00
Convict labor at jail	3,000.00
Overpaid taxes	400.00
Insurance	200.00
Board of prisoners	15,000.00
Telephones	225.00
Auditors	600.00
Commissions to delinquent collectors	500.00
Rebates on taxes	10,000.00
Jail wardens' salaries	1,880.00
Total appropriations	$273,805.00
Unappropriated funds	$ 3,373.83
	$277,178.83

MARYLAND DEMOCRATS

The Democracy of Maryland nominated its State ticket on Wednesday. It is believed to be a very strong one and the party hope it may win. It is:

For Governor:

COL. JOHN WALTER SMITH,
Worcester county.

For Comptroller:

DR. JOSHUA W. HERING,
Carroll county.

For Attorney-General:

MR. ISIDOR RAYNER,
Baltimore city.

Col. John Walter Smith, the nominee for Governor, is a native of Worcester county and has a beautiful home at Snow Hill. He was elected to Congress last fall from the First Congressional district and previous to that time had represented his county for 10 years in the Maryland Senate.

Colonel Smith is one of the most popular men in public life on the Eastern Shore and has devoted himself with energy to plans for the improvement of that section. He is widely known as the "father of the free school-book bill," which he originated and pressed to a passage. He is about 53 years of age and of genial personal characteristics. Colonel Smith is by profession a banker. He has been actively identified with politics for years and has long been the acknowledged leader of his county. He is the senior member of the largest dry goods firm in Worcester county and has also been largely engaged in the lumber industry. He and Merchant J. B. Messick, of Middletown, were boys together.

THE PLATFORM

They assert in the platform:

"The representatives of the Democratic party of Maryland, in State Convention assembled, declare that, after an experience of four years of Republican ascendency, we should make a united effort to recover political control of the State, so as to insure to the people the fullest protection of life, liberty and property. The result of the last municipal election in Baltimore city demonstrates that this can be accomplished by the harmonious co-operation of all elements of the party, without regard to past differences, and we invite all such to aid us in the political redemption of our State and the Democratic party.

"We declare our unfaltering allegience to the fundamental principles of the party as formulated by Thomas Jefferson, and we believe that the practical and constant application of those principles to Federal and State government is essential to the perpetuation of our free institutions.

"We insist that in time of war, as well as of peace, the freedom of the press shall be reserved and that the right of the people to criticise freely the policy and conduct of the administration shall be defended at all hazards.

"No deadlier blow can be dealt to American liberty than the suppression, by an abuse of executive power, of the free utterance by American freemen of their sentiments upon matters of public concern affecting the welfare of the people, and we denounce as dangerous and indefensible all efforts to interfere with and abridge this sacred right.

"We declare our unalterable opposition to the creation and maintenance of a large standing army in time of peace, and we insist upon the supremacy of the civil over the military authority, and we demand the strictest economy in the collection and disbursment of the public revenues.

"We believe in the time-honored doctrine, so earnestly impressed upon us by the fathers of the Republic, of 'Peace, Commerce and Honest Friendship with all nations—entangling alliances with none.'

"We view with alarm the multiplication over the land of such gigantic, industrial and commercial trusts, the outgrowth of Republican legislation, as stifle competition, threaten popular goverment, increase the cost of the living and curtail the individual rights of the people, and we favor vigorous measure by the States and by Congress to repress this great and growing evil.

The remainder of the platform refers to locals matters. All the candidates are "gold standard" men. The reference to Trusts in view of the action of Delaware Democratic officials is amusing. In Delaware Trusts are created daily. The entire capitalization of the 139 companies thus far chartered is found to be $271,184,300, or an average of nearly two millions dollars for each company. And all this has been combined by capitalists since March 11, when the incorporation law became operative.

MR. HENRY WILKINSON of the Milton "Times" has sold that paper to Mr. Theodore Messick of Georgetown. Mr. Wilkinson and his brother, Mr. Howard M. Wilkinson, of Dover, have purchased the Milford "Herald" which they will run in that town, in politics Democratic. The Harrington News has suspended—reason assigned "non-support."

POLITICAL PARAGRAPHS

NEW SECRETARY OF WAR

The official function of transferring the War portfolio from Russell A. Alger to a Elihu Root took place in the office of the Secretary of War shortly after 11 o'clock, Tuesday, Aug. 1. The ceremony was performed with more than usual display, owing to the fact that the out going head of the department issued an order Monday directing all bureau officers and their army assistants to greet the new secretary in full dress uniform.

Promptly at 11 o'clock General Alger and Mr. Root came from the private office, where General Alger performed his last official act as Secretary by signing a requisition for an allotment of $20,000 for the army transports. Proceeding to the large room adjoining, General Alger and Mr. Root took positions near the large square mahoghany desk in the centre of the apartment. By that time a large number of army officers, civilan employes and casual visitors had assembled.

Mr. Justice Cole, of the United States District Court advanced toward Mr. Root and requested him to raise his right hand. Mr. Root having complied with that request, Judge Cole proceeded to read the prescribed oath of office. That formality being over-General Alger took Mr. Root's hand and shook it heartily. After the army officers had passed through and paid their respects to the new Secretary, the civilan employes were introduced by Chief Clerk Schofield. Then followed a brief consultation between Secretary Root and Assistant Secretary Meiklejohn about certain routine matters.

Wye camp meeting commenced last Saturday, and Sunday was one of the largest in point of attendance in the history of the camp. The Queen Anne Railroad Company now reaches the camp-grounds and special excursions are run there.

MY MARYLAND.

C. H. Price, of Betterton, will have 2 500 baskets of peaches. Dr. W. S. Maxwell expects 10,000 baskets of pears of which 5000 will be the Bartletts.

William H. Lynch, residing near North East, was knocked down by a horse and run over by a heavy farm wagon, breaking his collar-bone and two of his ribs. He was otherwise injured.

Rev. Dr. Thomas Duncan, who for the past nine years has been rector of St. Stephen's Protestant Episcopal Church, at Earleville has sent his resignation to the official board of the church. Dr. Duncan has recently returned from a trip to Scotland.

Thomas J. Keating, trustee, sold at public sale in Easton on Tuesday, the "Wilton" farm, belonging to the estate of the late John Coppage, situated near Wye Mills, and containing 1011 acres, to Hiram G. Dudley, of Baltimore, at $29.55 per acre, aggregating $29,875.05. The total sales of the Coppage real estate aggregate about $70,000.

Sales of Talbot real estate last week included the purchase of Satanstoe, or the Hanna farm, on Miles River, near Easton, by J. Edward Tyler, of Baltimore, for $7,000. Mr. Tyler will make it his summer home. At the sale of the Holliday real estate, near Easton, Mr. James Dixon bought Faulsey, 241 acres for $6,300, and Mr. Michael B. Nichols, Mistletoe Hall, 221 acres for $5,100.

Mr. Henry A. Kraft, one of the highly respected and oldest citizens of the county, died of paralysis at his home, near Galena, at 9 o'clock P. M., on Monday, aged 87 years. The old gentleman, enfeebled by age and an active life, was stricken on Monday while lying on a sofa in his home. He sustained serious injuries by a fall during the winter from which he never entirely recovered, but was able to sometimes drive to Galena. Until this accident he was hale and hearty as many much younger men. Funeral services will be held in St. Dennis's Church, on Saturday morning at 10 o'clock; interment in cemetery at Lambson's Station.—Chestertown Transcript.

Chestertown has just gone through an exciting contest for the honor of unveiling a new public fountain which the Ladies' Town Improvement Association recently purchased in Wilmington. It was proposed to bestow this honor upon the young woman who would secure the largest number of votes at five cents a vote. The campaign started off with Miss Ida Orem Smith, the 6-year-old daughter of Charles S. Smith, and Miss Rebecca Aldridge, daughter of another merchant, leading a long list of candidates. The contest continued to increase in interest until Monday. Women took the street for campaigning purposes, bulletins were posted, and gradually the fountain fund assumed surprising proportions. After 6 o'clock the standing of the two contestants was kept a profound secret, and interest ran high. To cap the climax, at two minutes before 10 o'clock a man planked down $100 for little Miss Smith, securing her selection by a majority of 1,364 votes. The net proceeds from the contest amounted to $238.05. The formal unveiling will take place within the next fifteen days. (If there were not heart burnings after that contest then the people of Chestertown are unlike those of other towns where similar contests have been held.—ED.)

ODESSA NOTES.

Miss Blanche Reed, of Baltimore, is the guest of Miss Norah Armstrong.

Mrs. George L. Townsend has returned from a visit to Mr. and Mrs. L. Scott Townsend.

The Misses Frances and Elizabeth Williams went to Tolchester on Thursday.

Mrs. Mary Sparks, of Wilmington, and son, Mr. Lee Sparks, of Philadelphia, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Elias N. Moore, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bandell are spending this week at Rehoboth.

Mrs. G. E. Coppage, of Wilmington, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. S. Lue Enos.

Mr. Joseph Williams, of Philadelphia, returned to Odessa on Tuesday.

Mr. Riggin, of Philadelphia, was the guest of the Messrs. McIntyre this week.

Miss Helen Townsend is visiting Mrs. Medders, of Still Pond, Md.

Master William Wood who has been the guest of his aunt, Mrs. L. V. Aspril, has returned to his home in Horsham, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. Harding McIntyre and children have returned to their home in Philadelphia.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Davis and daughter Frances and Mrs. Martha Davis have returned from a two weeks visit to Rehoboth.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. S. VanDyke are the guests of their daughter, Mrs. Frederick H. Burgess, at Ridley Park.

Miss. Martha Townsend is entertaining Miss Reba Scott, of Wilmington.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Denver Coppage, of Wilmington, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jos. H. Enos several days this week.

Miss Sophia Gremminger, of Chester, is visiting her cousin, Miss Emma Gremminger.

Miss. Mary Williams who has been the guest of her brother, Mr. Jonathan K. Williams, has returned to Philadelphia.

Messrs. John and Geronge Green have gone to Rehoboth to engage in fishing.

Mr. James V. Moore celebrated his 92nd birthday, at the home of his son, Mr. Elias N. Moore on Thursday Aug 3rd. A number of his children, grandchildren, and great grand children were present, besides other relatives and friends.

Unfortunately for the M. E. Sunday School excursionists, 250 of them, the Clio failed to get over the bar on Wednesday and after several hours delay the people returned to town expecting to try again and hoping for better luck next time.

Champion Shot of the World

Miss Annie Oakley writes: "Myself and many of the Buffalo Bill Wild West Co. have given Allen's Foot Ease, the powder to shake into the shoes, a most thorough trial, and it does all if not more than you claim." It instantly takes the sting out of Corns and Bunions. Allen's Foot-Ease is a certain cure for swollen, hot, aching, nervous or sweating feet. Sold by all Druggists and Shoe Stores, 25c. Sample sent FREE. Address Allen S. Olmstead, Le Roy, N. Y.

KENT COUNTY.

Calvin Jarvis, formerly of Felton, was smothered to death in a mine at Joplin, Mo.

James K. Hurd, of Felton, was nearly gored to death by a bull on Friday of last week.

The authorities will try to prevent a tribe of Moors, near Cheswold, from working on Sunday. They observe Saturday.

"Two heads are better than one." If the one you have is dull and heavy you need Hood's Sarsaparilla. It will give you prompt relief.

Rev. W. C. Jason is making preparations for a camp on the grounds of the State College for Colored Students to begin August 12th.

At the Dover railroad station, four new artesian wells, capable of furnishing 5,000 gallons of water an hour, have been driven to supply the pumping engines with clear water.

Thirty-two new cottages along the bay shore at Bowers' Beach are now occupied with city families and there is a popular board walk promenade in front of the new settlement.

The property of Warren Darby, of Frederica, will be sold at sheriff's sale on August 23d. It includes nearly 200 acres of land in and around Frederica, the water plant of that town, several cottages and two fine residences.

It is announced that the franchises of the Dover—Milford trolley road have been bought by Philadelphia parties. The work of construction is expected to begin on September 1st, and a single track, with turn outs, will be laid from Milford to Woodland Beach, a distance of thirty miles.

Two small children of Robert C. Stevenson, living near Frederica, narrowly escaped death this week by burning. The children were playing about the straw stacks, when one of them struck a match to some dry stubble near the straw, which soon was ablaze. The children became frightened, and but for the timely arrival of assistance would have rushed headlong into the blazing straw.

Milford experienced a mad dog scare Saturday. A large Shepherd dog ran wildly down the main street, its tongue hanging out, foam and lather flying from its snapping jaws. Pedestrians dashed into stores, jumped upon dry goods boxes and shinned up awning posts and trees. The dog bit several persons and a number of dogs in its flight. It ran into the stable of Thomas Windsor, where it bit a groom, a valuable trotting stallion and several beagles. The dog was killed.

It is said 7,000 people attended Camden camp-meeting Sunday. Dr. John F. Crouch preached the sermon of the day and when Rev. Ralph Coursey sang a song about getting on higher ground scores of old-fashioned Methodists shouted as in the manner of camps of long ago. Tuesday was Epworth League day. Rev. H. Clay Turner, of Girdletree, Md.; Rev. W. O. Hurst, of Odessa; Rev. I. L. Wood, of Middletown, and Rev. C. Edgar Adamson, of Lansdale Pa., were the speakers of the day.

John T. Jakes, one of the best known men of Central Delaware, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. William H. Redmile, in Wilmington, Friday morning, July 28, from a complication of diseases, principal among which was kidney trouble. Mr. Jakes was taken to Wilmington so that he might have the personal attention of his son, Dr. C. R. Jakes. Mr. Jakes was born Nov. 20, 1833 in Kent county and was buried from his residence in Wyoming on Monday, interment in Odd Fellows Cemetery at Camden. He voted for Abraham Lincoln in 1860, having always been a prominent Republican.

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NO TRADING STAMPS IN THIS SALE. STORE OPEN TUESDAY NIGHT.

Men's Suits, Half Price.

$20 00	Suits,	half,	$10 00
18 00	"	"	9 00
17 00	"	"	8 50
16 00	"	"	8 00
15 00	"	"	7 50
12 00	"	"	6 00
10 00	"	"	5 00

Men's, Youths', Boys' Pants. Half Price.

$8 00	Pants,	half,	$4 00
7 00	"	"	3 50
6 00	"	"	3 00
5 00	"	"	2 50
3 50	"	"	1 75
2 50	"	"	1 25

Boys' Clothing, Half Price.

Wash Suits, Wool Suits, Blouse Suits, Vestee Suits, Double Breasted Suits, etc.

$8 00	Suits	for	$4 00
6 00	"	"	3 00
5 00	"	"	2 50
4 00	"	"	2 00
2 00	"	"	1 00

Half Price.

Crash Suits-Half Price.

Skeleton Serge Coats ½ price.
Skeleton Serge Coats and Vests, half price.
Flannel Coats, Half Price.
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Lot of $1 Shirts, 50 cents.
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Wash Goods

are fast approaching the end of the season. We have made prices to meet the end of wash fabrics on a basis that will soon clear them out.

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REGISTER'S ORDER.

REGISTER'S OFFICE, NEW CASTLE COUNTY, DEL., March 31st, 1899.

Upon the application of David H. Knotts and Robert P. Moore, Administrators of William H. Hickey, late of St. Georges Hundred, in said county, deceased, it is ordered and directed by the Register that the Administrators aforesaid give notice of granting of Letters of Administration upon the estate of the deceased, with the date of granting thereof, by causing advertisements to be posted within forty days from the date of such Letters in six of the most public places of the County of New Castle, requiring all persons having demands against the estate to present the same, or abide by an act of Assembly in such case made and provided; and also cause the same to be inserted within the same period in the Middletown TRANSCRIPT, a newspaper published in Middletown, Del., and to be continued therein two months.

Given under the hand and seal of office of the Register aforesaid at Wilmington, in New Castle County aforesaid, the day and year above written.

{SEAL}

CALVIN W. CROSSAN, Register.

NOTICE.—Notice is hereby given that Letters of Administration were in due form of law granted unto the undersigned, on the Thirty-first day of March, A. D. 1899, and that all persons having claims against the estate of the deceased must present the same, duly attested, to the said Administrators, on or before the Thirty-first day of March, 1900, or abide the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided.

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This, notwithstanding conditions—higher costs of lumber of all kinds—better rewards for the hands that did the labor.

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These special benefits offered by this sale

1. Selections from best stocks in the world
2. Furniture covered by our broad guarantee
3. Newest ideas in furniture making
4. Furniture that is splendidly put together and handsomely finished
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7. Fifteen to twenty dollars worth of furniture for ten dollars of cost

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There are two and a half acres displaying Furniture in the regular store on third floor. Another store on Fourth floor. To this are added today the great widened Main Aisle and Cross Aisle, and eight other sections of the house, making this the most elaborate and extensive exhibition of Furniture that Philadelphia has known.

JOHN WANAMAKER

The Middletown Transcript

THE CHURCHES IN MIDDLETOWN.

Bethesda M. E. Church.—Rev. Isaac L. Wood, Pastor. Preaching every Sabbath at 10.30 a. m., and 7.30 p. m. Sabbath School every Sabbath at 2 p. m., A. G. Cox, Superintendent. Prayer meeting, every Thursday evening, 7.30 o'clock. Junior Epworth League and Epworth Cadets every Friday night at 7 o'clock. Young Ladies' Mission Circle, Monday nights at Parsonage. Women's Foreign Missionary Society, first Friday night of each month. Women's Home Missionary Society, first Thursday night of each month. Mite Society, first Saturday night of each month. Official Board meeting first Friday afternoon of each month at 2.30 o'clock.

Forest Presbyterian Church.—Rev. F. H. Moore, Pastor. Services held every Sabbath morning at 10.30 o'clock, and every Sabbath evening at 7.30. Sabbath School will be held every Sabbath morning at 9.15 o'clock, H. C. Ellison, Superintendent. Prayer meeting every Wednesday evening. Young People's Society Christian Endeavor meets every Sunday evening at 6.45 o'clock. Junior Society Christian Endeavor every Sunday after noon at 3 o'clock.

Services at Armstrong's Chapel the first Sabbath of each month at 3 p. m.

St. Anne's Protestant Episcopal Church.—Rev. Wm. J. Wilkie, Rector. Holy Communion on the first Sunday in the month at 10.30 a. m. On all other Sundays at 7.30 a. m. Divine services every Sunday at 10.30 a. m., and 7.30 p. m. Morning Prayer and Litany every Wednesday and Friday at 10 a. m. Evening Prayer on Friday at 3.30 p. m. On all Holy Days service at 10 a. m., and 3.30 p. m. Sunday School at 9.45 a. m. Adult Bible Class at 7.45 p. m. The Guild meets every Thursday at 2 p. m., the Ladies on the first and third Fridays of each month at 2 p. m., the Boys' Club on Friday evenings at 7.30 and the Junior Auxiliary on Saturdays at 3 p. m.

MIDDLETOWN, DEL., AUG. 5, 1899.

Local News.

—Ice Cream Soda 5c. a glass at Jones.

A lady wants position as clerk. Apply at this office.

—Kirkwood chapel will be dedicated with special services on Sunday, September 3d.

—Two desirable town properties are advertised in the TRANSCRIPT to-day for sale.

—DR. W. E. BARNARD, SURGEON DENTIST. Office South-east corner of Main and Scott streets.

—Rev. J. D. C. Hanna, of Wilmington, preached in Earlville, M. E. Church on Sunday last.

Copies made from Tin Types or any other pictures of any description at Trinklere's Studio.

—The members of the Sunday School of Bethesda M. E. Church are talking of a picnic at the Piers very soon.

—The annual camp meeting at Brandywine Summit is now in progress. Opening services were held on Thursday last.

—Ebenezer M. E. Church, of Newark, will hold a woods meeting, commencing on Thursday next and continuing ten days.

—Lewis C. Vandegrift Esq., has purchased a property on Market street, Wilmington, between Tenth and Eleventh for $10,000.

—John S. Crouch and Frank J. Penington have taken out letters testamentary on the estate of the late Capt. Samuel Penington.

—The survivors of the First Delaware Regiment, which served in the Civil War, will hold a reunion in Philadelphia to-morrow.

—The latest thing in butter making is the Wheeler Gravity Cream Separator. Price from $4 to $11.00. For sale by

J. F. MCWHORTER & SON.

—FOR RENT—Morton house on Green St. Possession given in two weeks. Good sideboard for sale. Apply to

DR. W. E. BARNARD.

—If you are going out of town for an outing leave your address at The Transcript office and the paper will follow you. It is the only way to keep posted on town affairs.

—Hiram B. Borie, superintendent of the Delaware Iron Works, at New Castle, has been appointed general manager of the Allison Mill, in Philadelphia, and the mill at Thurlow.

—Do you like ice cream? Do you make your own ice cream? If not, the TRANSCRIPT is advertising a book of instructions given away under certain conditions. See ad. in another column.

—WANTED.—Industrous and honest men of good appearance as agents for the Industrial Accident Insurance Company of the United States. Apply to G. Schirmer, Sec'y, Dover, Del.

—Thirty-one hundred dollars town tax was turned over yesterday to the town treasury by Collector Reynolds that amount having been paid since June 27 and on which 8 per cent. was saved by the taxables.

—A delegation from Sassafras Council, Jr. O. U. A. M. paid a fraternal visit on Monday last to Middletown Council. An enjoyable evening was spent and amusement furnished by four candidates for initiation.

—While wheat was being threshed last Saturday on the farm owned by Mrs. Sarah Cleaver and tenanted by Joseph Cleaver, at Lamison's, near Delaware City, two stacks caught fire from sparks and were burned, causing a loss of $250.

—By order of the War Department dated July 25th the recently constructed battery at Delaware City has been named Fort DuPont, in honor of the late Rear-Admiral Samuel Francis Dupont. The name of Fort Delaware remains unchanged.

—Every Evening of Tuesday said: "James Murray of Philadelphia, who was one of the excursionists to Augustine Park yesterday, made a dive in shallow water and broke his neck. He was taken to the Pennsylvania Hospital and is in a critical condition.

—Gen. Samuel Macallister, U. S. Consul to Barbadoes, is home on sick leave. He was compelled to leave the tropics by order of his physician, and will remain in Wilmington until he recuperates. He says the heat in Barbadoes is unusually severe this season.

—The National Bank of Wilmington and Brandywine has opened a branch depository bank at New Castle. The building occupied is that formerly used by the Farmers' Bank, at Third and Delaware streets. Richard S. Cooper has charge of the institution.

—A game of baseball will be played at Townsend this afternoon between the nine of that place and a picked team from Middletown. Ginn and Holten are expected to be in the points for the local team, while Stradley and Lattomus will do battery work for Townsend.

—Citizens of Delaware not only of his own faith, but many of other sects will regret the death of Bishop Becker, who for eighteen years was head of the Catholic diocese of Delaware. He was a man of public traits, progressive and liberal, and made many friends in this State.

—Until 20th August we will take orders for strictly HIGH-GRADE COAL at $5.50 for 2,240 lbs. delivered on your sidewalk direct from car promptly upon arrival of coal on track here, in lots of 1 ton and upwards. This price means CASH, or payment by 10th of September. G. E. HUKILL.

—Ex-Attorney General John Biggs is not carrying around his $250 gold watch. His diamond ring is not on his finger and the police would like to find both. Early Sunday morning burglars broke into his residence at No. 1310 West Fourteenth st. They took the ring off the bureau in his bedroom and the watch from his vest pocket. A suit of clothes dissappeared at the same time. In feeling around for more valuables the thieves stumbled over a chair and Mr. Biggs gave chase.

—Sunday night Mrs. George A. Harter, wife of Dr. Harter, president of Delaware College, was taken violently ill, and medical aid failed to relieve her of her sufferings. Wednesday a surgical operation was undertaken; and it was learned that gangrene had set in, There is no hope of her recovery.

—Wilmington was shaken about 1.15 o'clock Tuesday afternoon by two explosions, which proved to be two rolling mills at the lower yard of the du Pont Powder Co., near Rising Sun Del. The mills blew up, but nobody was hurt and the loss was small. How the powder was ignited is not known.

—Passengers have rights and so have conductors. A passenger on the Delaware train Monday leaving Wilmington at 4.27 o'clock, struck Conductor Sherburne in the mouth, cutting his lip, because he aroused him from his slumbers. He took exceptions to the manner in which he was awakened.—Republican.

—J. B. Goff, of the Sandy Branch creamery, is in Cecil this week endeavoring to establish a creamery in the Fifth district, with head churning quarters at North East and four distributors in different sections of the district. His idea is to organize a stock company with the farmers themselves as share-holders.—Cecil Co. News.

—Dr. J. C. Stites who has been associated with Dr. Thos. H. Gilpin in the practice of dentistry has purchased Dr. Gilpin's practice and will open offices in the parlors of Mrs. Samuel Penington corner North Broad and West Main streets. The location could not be improved and Dr. Stites' many friends wish him abundant success.

—General Washington, it is said, once uttered an oath, and his example is presented as an excuse for the profanity of other men. But with the statement General Washington's opinion of swearing should always be joined. He said, "This is a vice so mean and low, without any temptation, that every man of sense and character despises it."

—In a suit brought at New Castle on Friday by James Cleaver and wife of Blackbird, against Mrs. Matilda Scott for services rendered by Mrs. Cleaver for fifty eight days at $1.00 per day—$58—the jury made the modest award of $2. It took sometime to get through, and a great many words passed in the course of the hearing.—Smyrna Times.

—Postmasters are directed to open all letters upon which postage has not been paid, to ascertain the name of the writer. To avoid this no one should fail to have their names and address printed on one corner of all envelopes used for mailing letters. The "TRANSCRIPT" office affords everyone an opportunity to have this done at a very trifling expense.

—The following collections for the month of July have been paid by tax gatherers over to the county treasurer: Red Lion, R. T. Cann, $462.61; St. Georges, L. C. Scott, $693.46; Pencader, J. B. LeFevre, $28.44; J. B. O'Rourke, $323.69; Appoquinimink, Edward Hart, $112.26; Blackbird, R C. Brockson, $430.97; George C. Rothwell, $110.45. The collections from the entire county during the month amounted to $28,167.74.

—An order has been issued to all the station agents aloug the Peninsula railroad to stop selling tickets to Old Point Comfort. This is done at the instance of the recent outbreak of yellow fever. which is an epidemic at Soldiers' Home, Hampton, Va. There is a strict quarantine enforced, and the medical authorities are hoping to confine it to the very place it originated and thus extirminate the disease before it spreads. There is reported some forty cases and eight deaths up to the present time.

—On account of the existance of yellow fever at Old Point Comfort travel and baggage on the P., W. & B. railroad to that place shows a large decrease. Persons who usually spent their vacation at that well-known resort have made arrangements to spend it elsewhere this year. All persons who land at that point are not allowed to leave for fear they will carry the fever. A strict quarantine is observed by the railroad company, who have all their cars fumigated at Philadelphia or Jersey City.

—Indigestion brings on distress after eating with heaviness and deadness of the stomach, sick headache, weary and tired feeling that is not relieved by rest, unhealthy eruptions on the skin, constipation, loss of appetite, pains in the sides and back, etc. These are but few of the symptoms of indigestion and dyspepsia. To multitudes who thus suffer Mother Seigel's Curative Syrup has proved a help and a blessing. Price 60c. and 30c. a bottle. It will cost you nothing to try it. Sample free. Address A. J. White, No. 426, 168 Duane St., New York.

—The settlement of Clerk of the Peace Jefferson B. Foard with State Treasurer Ball for the months of June and July were made Thursday. The collections for the period were as follows: Inn or tavern license, $91.66; special inn or tavern, $325; special retailer to sell liquor, $50; peddlers, $150; hawker or peddler, $600; merchants, yearly, $3,148.52; six months, $146,50; manufacturers, yearly, $3,003.78; six months, $14.25; marriage, $262; brokers, $100; doctors, $310; dentists, $30; lawyers, $70; photographers, $20; stallions and jacks, $50; real estate, $200; total, $8,571.71. The total number of licenses issued was 580.

—Owing to illness Rev. A. P. Prettyman, of Galena, Md., was unable to preach in Bethesda M. E. Church on Sunday morning. The pulpit, however, was ably filled by Rev. J. A. Arters, of Cecilton, Md. In the evening Prof. MacIntyre gave a lecture before the Epworth League, which was both interesting and instructive. He gave a history of the rise of the Students' Volunteer movement and the growth which it had attained, closing with an earnest plea for the formation of a class for Bible study in the church. The room was well filled and the song service was excellent.

—Cæsar Rodney Day was celebrated Wednesday at the home of the distinguished "singer" of the Declaration of Independence, "Popular Grove," below Dover. The exercises were under the management of County Superintendent Tindall, and the Delaware Summer School of Methods, although it was to stimulate the interest in this great Delawarean's life among the public school children. Special music had been prepared for the occasion and addresses were delivered by Henry Ridgely, Jr., on Cæsar Rodney," Secretary of State James H. Hughes on "The Statesman of Delaware," and Magistrate John B. Hutton on "The Military and Naval Heroes of Delaware."

—Middletown has been very fortunate this season in escaping heavy thunder storms and driving rains while it has been blessed with copious showers. Wilmington and vicinity had almost a tornado on Wednesday afternoon about six o'clock. There was a heavy rain about 4 o'clock but not until the later storm was any damage done, buildings wrecked, trees uprooted, etc. Two and a half inches of rain is said to have fallen. There was much hail in some sections. The crops were much damaged. The storm passed over Washington, D. C., in great fury and a regular tornado wrecked a third of the village of Clarksville, in Howard county, damaging two churches and two or three dwelling houses. Great damage was done in Montgomery, Frederick and Washington counties by rain, wind and hail.

Unclaimed Letters.

A list of unclaimed letters remaining in the Middletown post office which can be had by saying they are advertised: Mrs. Mary Andrews, Elaske Herney Trell, S. Jhonson, Daniel P. Robinson.

Real Warm Weather Rest and Comfort

There is a powder to be shaken into the shoes called Allen's Foot-Ease, invented by Allen S. Olmstead, Le Roy, N. Y., which druggists and shoe dealers say is the best thing they have ever sold to cure swoolen, burning, sore and tender or aching feet. Some dealers claim that it makes tight or new shoes feel easy. It certainly will cure corns and bunions and relieve instantly sweating, hot or smarting feet. Allen's Foot-Ease costs only a quarter, and the inventor will send a sample free to any address.

L. A. W. MEET, BOSTON

Reduced Rates via Pennsylvania Railroad.

For the Annual Meet of the League of American Wheelmen at Boston, August 14 to 19, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell excursion tickets, from all points on its line, to Boston at rate of single fare for the round trip. Tickets will be sold on August 12 to 14, good to return August 14 to 20 when properly executed before agent of initial line from Boston. Upon depositing ticket with city ticket agent of initial line from Boston, not later than August 19, and the payment of fifty cents, tickets may be extended to leave Boston not later than August 31.

Bicycles carried free when not accompanied by other baggage. Special arrangements for clubs traveling as a body.

The National Game

Three hundred Cambridge people went to Seaford on Tuesday to see the Cambridge boys defeat the Seaford Club 7 to 2. Never before was so much interest manifested in that section about a ball contest. Spectators were there from Princess Anne to Wilmington and from Cambridge to Ocean City and 2,000 persons were on the grand stand. Seaford had secured players from the cities and was confident of victory. The first of the game was watched with breathless interest, but it became apparent after awhile that Seaford was outclassed at every point and had hired the wrong players. Brown and Manner were the battery for Cambridge and Townsend and Marine for Seaford.

On the arrival at home of the Cambridge players they were met by 2,000 with brass bands and horns. A supper specially prepared for them was served at Colonel Braly's hotel at 10 o'clock.

G. A. R. ENCAMPMENT PHILADELPHIA.

Reduced Rates via Pennsylvania Railroad.

On account of the Thirty-third Annual Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, to be held at Philadelphia on September 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell excursion tickets from points on its line to Philadelphia, at rate of single fare for the round trip, except that the fare from New York and Baltimore will be $3; from Newark, N. J., $2.85; from Elizabeth, N. J., $2.75, and proportionate rates from intermediate points.

Tickets will be sold on September 2, 3, 4, and 5, good to return until September 12, inclusive; but by depositing ticket with joint agent at Philadelphia on September 5, 6, 7, 8, or 9, and the payment of fifty cents, return limit may be extended to September 30, inclusive.

SIDE TRIPS.

Tickets for side trips to Washington, Old Point Comfort, Gettysburg, Antietam, and Virginia battlefields will also be sold at greatly reduced rates.

SEPTEMBER JURORS

The following jurors were drawn at the Court House Monday by Clerk of the Peace Foard and Prothonotary Wooley, to serve at the September term of Courts:

PETIT JURORS.

Appoquinimink hundred—Walter E. Hart, William B. Weldin, Jacob S. Vandyke.

Blackbird—Jesse J. Nickerson, James H. Roberts.

St. Georges—Herman Cochran, David I. Allen, Purnel L. McWhorter.

Brandywine—Uriah T. Pierce, Harry Weldin.

Christiana—John P. Hearn, Thomas Dilworth, John Acuhy.

Mill Creek—William R. Eastburn, Wilson Currinder, Thomas Walker.

New Castle—John Moody, Frank White, William Martin.

Pencader—A. R. Paxson, Henry Kendell.

Red Lion—Samuel L. Kidd, John Crompton, James Alfrey.

White Clay Creek—Charles Donnelly, George D. Medill, James L. Walker.

Wilmington—Harry A. Miller, James Monaghan, William A. Alexander.

ADDITIONAL JURORS.

Appoquinimink hundred—William W Draper, Joseph P. Pritchard.

Blackbird—Benjamin F. Wright, Charles W. Jones.

St. Georges—Joseph Geary, Joseph A. Evans.

Brandywine—John C. Webster, Humphrey W. Clark.

Christiana—Thomas J. Crawford, Elmer Mace.

Mill Creek—Alonzo Newlin, J. Leslie Talley.

New Castle—Richard McGinn, Lewis Duncan.

Pencader—William H. Sterling, Philip Boys.

Red Lion—James A. Mulligan, A. B. Cook.

White Clay Creek—William P. Graves, Frank W. Morrison.

Wilmington—Courtland C. Montgomery, William T. Groves, William File, Charles O'Connor.

YELLOW FEVER

The much dreaded yellow fever made its appearance at Hampton, the Soldiers Home near Old Point Comfort, this week. The authorities believe it was brought to the Home by William Thomas, a former inmate, who returned there about July 4th from Santiago and developed a case of "chills and fever," or, as is now believed, a mild case of yellow fever. He subsequently went to the State of Washington, fortunately a high latitude. There have been several deaths at the Home. The whole place has been quarantined.

The troops at Fort Monroe were ordered at first to Fort duPont near Delaware City and the good people of that town have been much exercised over the possibility of having the disease brought so near them, though it is thought the garrison at the Fort is free of the disease. The object of removal is to get them out of any danger. Plum Island in Long Island Sound has been selected, however, as the location of the troops and all citizens of old Red Lion hundred may again slumber in peace—at least from fear of yellow fever.

The appearance of the yellow fever has introduced a startling condition of affairs at the Home. A coal famine is already on, food is scarce and the infested town and towns adjacent are being almost depopulated by fright. The town is rigidly quarantined, and the situation is serious.

TOWNSEND LETTER

John Godwin, a prominent citizen of Church Hill, Md., got into trouble on a Delaware railroad passenger train on Monday afternoon as the train neared Townsend. He was asleep on the train and when Conductor Sherbourne attempted to arouse him he quickly jumped up and struck the conductor a savage blow on the face. This so greatly incensed the "ticket puncher" that he returned the blow in a jiffy as it were and for a while quite a disturbance ensued. Mr. Godwin was arraigned before Magistrate Bratton here on Wednesday when he admitted the assault and was heavily fined. Magistrate Bratton stated that he would impose a fine of $22.00 and costs owing to the serious character of the offense which was committed without the least provocation, he said in settling the case. Mr. Godwin quickly paid the fine and returned home to Church Hill.

Mr. Edward Daniels, son of Stokely Daniels, who is a popular young man of this place, went to California a few weeks ago, and nothing was heard from him since then until Monday when his parents received a letter stating that he had enlisted in the U. S. Army and that he expects to go to the Phillipine Islands within a short time. He writes that he is in the best of spirits and all ready to "tackle the Filipinos." Officially it is learned that he will leave for the Phillipines about November 1st. He is now awaiting orders at San Francisco. We hope he may win many laurels upon the field of battle.

A very exciting runaway occurred on Delaware Avenue on Wednesday evening when one of Mr. Francis Lattomus's horses, attached to a buggy, in some manner freed itself while hitched at Harman's Mill, dashing down the road running parallel with the railroad, making many narrow escapes among the pedestrians along the route. The frightened animal finally came to a standstill at the sheds of Lattomus Brothers' store. Fortunately no one was injured, nor were the horse and buggy, the horse stopping entirely of its own accord.

The appointment of Mr. Daniel Jones to the Principalship of the Townsend Public School, is meeting with the heartiest approbation on all sides. Mr. Jones comes very highly recommended and his hosts of friends here are much pleased over his success, in contesting for the management of the local seat of learning.

The venerable John B. Roberts removed to Odessa on Thursday where he will reside in future with his son Charles, who is a resident of that place.

Rev. G. P. Jones, of the Townsend Church, occupied the pulpit of the Methodist Church at Blackbird on Sunday. His discourse was very eloquent and able.

Mrs. H. K. Stout, of Dover, is visiting Mrs. James Lee on Commerce street. Mrs. Stout is the wife of Lieutenant Stout and has many friends in this community.

Miss Alice Watts accompanied by her friend, Miss Bessie Slaughter, is visiting friends in Baltimore.

Mr. John Hammond, a resident of St. Augustine, Md., visited Mr. and Mrs. James C. Wilson on Wednesday.

Messrs. Wells, Herring & Co., will start up their large canning factory here in about two weeks.

Miss Delma Dockerty and Miss Bertha Motheral are visiting Mr. I. Pritchard and family. They are from Wilmington.

Mrs. Emma Graham and Mr. Thomas Graham, of Camden, N. J., are guests at the home of Israel Pritchard, Esq.

Mrs. Charles Todd is visiting in Philadelphia.

Mrs. James Taylor spent Wednesday among Wilmington friends.

Prof. L. J. Smyth and wife, of Chestertown, visited here on Tuesday, calling upon their many friends.

Mr. Lou Gill is in Wilmington.

Rev. W. J. Wilkie will conduct service and preach at the residence of Mr. C. F. Hubbard in Townsend to-morrow afternoon at three o'clock.

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Mrs. James Deputy, of near Bridgeville, who has been temporarily insane, became raving mad this week and attempted to take the life of her infant child. It lay sleeping in its crib when it was seized by the mother and thrown into a pen containing vicious swine. A farm hand who happened to be near, rescued it from a horrible death, Mrs. Deputy was taken to Farnhurst.

The following is the programme for the seaside campmeeting at Rehoboth, August 12 to 27, under the supervision of Rev. R. H. Adams, of Easton, Md.: August 15, Tuesday—Prohibition Day. August 16—Wilmington Conference Academy Day. August 17—Sussex County Sunday School Day. August 22 to 23—Scriptural Holiness, by Rev. Dr. Alfred Smith. August 24—Epworth League Day, in charge of Rev. G. R. Watkins and Rev. J. T. Ensor. The Epworth League, of Easton, Md., will have a special train over the Queen Anne Railroad on Epworth Day.

Merrill Bunting is the postmaster at Bunting near the Maryland and Delaware line. It is a small office and the returns from it were not satisfactory to the industrious P. M., so he conceived an idea which, if Uncle Sam had been willing, would have greatly increased his salary. In connection with the post office Bunting runs a store and it is alleged instead of paying for his goods with money he bought stamps from his post office and used them to settle his store bills, reporting the stamps as sold having been sold and cancelled. He has been arrested and held for the Federal Court.—Snow Hill Messenger.

The two camp meetings of the county in progress last Sunday were largely attended. People who went from Bridgeville by a certain road to Sand Hill witnessed an unusual sight. Potato bugs covered the road to a depth of from one to two inches for nearly quarter of a mile. A 20-acre potato patch near the road had been covered with bugs, and, when the farmer sprinkled the vines with poison, Saturday evening, the bugs began to move to more congenial climes. The majority of the bugs were crossing the road Sunday morning as people went to camp, and people living nearby who were walking to camp went by another road or walked across fields, not relishing the idea of wading through bugs. The odor at night arising from the bugs that had been mashed to death by teams during the day was terrible.

PERSONALITIES

Little Lines About Men and Women and What They Are Doing.

Dr. Horace Vaughan and Dr. Chas. A. Ritchie have returned home. The latter is yet quite weak from the effects of typhoid fever, and the former found the benefits from Bedford Springs water and the bracing air much neutralized by the uncomfortably crowded condition of the hotels.

Mrs. Neosha Alrichs, of Los Angeles, Cal., is now visiting her sister, Mrs. Geiger, at Camden, N. J., and expects soon to pay a visit to her old friends in Middletown and Delaware City.

Miss Bessie Anderson left on Monday for Butte, Montana. She was joined in Chicago by Mr. George H. Kelly, her brother-in-law, he having stopped for several days with his brother and two sisters in that city. Miss Anderson expects to return in the early fall with her sister's infant son.

Clerk of the Peace Foard, Mrs. Foard and Miss Foard left on the 3d for Eagle's Mere, Pa., where Mr. Foard annually spends August. Mr. and Mrs. George Janvier have returned from the White Mountains and Mr. William Eliason, another clerk in Mr. Foard's office, is spending a few days at the Mt. Pleasant House, New Hampshire.

Mrs. W. E. Barnard surprised Dr. Barnard on the 3d by inviting a few friends in the evening to assist him in celebrating one of the "anniversary milestones" which grow more frequent apparently as the years increase.

Walter Beaston, of the Recorder of Deeds' office, who has been sick at his home in Middletown, reported for duty Thursday. Mr. Beaston shows marks of his illness and to make matters worse has locked his best suit in a bureau drawer and lost the key. His fellow clerks sympathize with him in his trouble and advise him to pick the lock and secure his outfit.—The Sun.

The engagement of Miss Miriam Shepherd, of Camden, and Mr. J. Milton Davidson, of Dover, has been announced. They are both well and favorably known in Middletown where their musical talents have made them hosts of friends.

Mr. J. B. Messick and his son, Paul, spent several days last week at Snow Hill. Mr Messick's boyhood home; Berlin, Ocean City and Chincoteague Island.

Mrs. F. C. West and daughters are at Rehoboth for several weeks. Mr. West is attending to his business from that place.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse L. Shepherd entertained on Tuesday Mr. and Mrs. John Bennett, of Lynch's, Md.

Mrs. Frank H. K. Nickols and children, of Baltimore, are visiting at the residence of Mr. George W. C. McCrone.

Mrs. George Hoffecker and son, John, have been guests of her sister, Mrs. Wm. A. McCrone, at McDonough,

Mrs. J. C, Alston is entertaining Miss Saidie Burgess, of Still Pond, Md.

Miss May Filbert is visiting Miss Mollie Wilson.

Miss Eugenia Beasten is spending her vacation with her sisters on Cass street.

Miss Elizabeth Parker has returned from a visit of several weeks with friends in Smyrna and Dover.

Miss Mame Wallace, of Dover. is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. J. B. Messick, at the Middletown Hotel.

Mr. Allen McDowell, of Philadelphia, is spending his vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. P. McDowell.

Prof. W. B. Tharp, of Henderson, Ky., was in town a few hours on Tuesday. He is visiting relatives in Kent county.

Mr. W. E. Hubbard, of Baltimore, was in town on Wednesday.

M. B. Burris, Esqr., has developed a case of malariel fever since his return from the North-West.

Mrs. J. Leiken and daughter, Mrs. Rubin, and children, of Philadelphia, are visiting Mr. S. Burstan and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Droll went to Philadelphia on Monday where Mr. Droll expected to undergo an operation for tumor of the stomach in Jefferson Hospital but owing to the slow formation of the tumor an operation was considered useless at the present time.

Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Matthews spent the week with her brother, William Caldwell, at Heislerville, N. J.

Miss Lizzie Hopkins is spending a week with her father in Philadelphia.

Miss Anna Freeman left on Saturday last for a short stay with the family of Dr. R. B. McKee at Rehoboth.

Misses Lizzie and Bessie Carter are visiting friends in New Castle.

Mr. M. L. Kilpatrick, of Philadelphia, spent Sunday with the family of Mr. P. J. Lynch, near Mt. Pleasant.

Miss Myrtle Houston returned Thursday from Baltimore. She was accompanied by her sister, Mrs. J. M. Naudain and Master Houston and Miss Helen Naudain.

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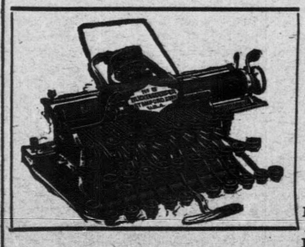

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LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS.

Volunteer Hose Company, meets first Friday night of each month in Hose House.

EPWORTH LEAGUE.

Topic For the Week Beginning Aug. 6, "Drifting"—Text, Eph. iv, 14; Jas. i, 1-8.

"A double minded man is unstable in all his ways."

Anchor up, all sails set and no one at the helm is a risky way to navigate. Drifting never brings any one into port. In the religious life as well as in navigation considerable depends on the currents which surround one, the winds of opinion, the trimming the sails of action, the load one carries and many other items, but the most influential factor is the working of the rudder that directs the course. The will is to us what the rudder is to the vessel. It determines destiny. It decides between impulses and settles action and fixes character.

It needs training to stand at the wheel and steer a ship. No less does it require discipline for one to hold control of his will and direct his actions according to reason and the highest good.

Many opinions and often conflicting ones will be met with. Many questions are of no importance to us, and we need to put aside all curiosity about them and resolutely refuse to waste time on their consideration. Some things we must decide. Look over all the evidence available, balance the probabilities, choose the most reasonable. Hang to it till more light comes. Be confident after you have once decided. To be continually doubting or debating prevents all positive action. Go ahead with firm grip on the wheel after you have consulted chart, chronometer and compass and taken your bearings.

Fewer mistakes are made by confident, strong action than by wavering indecision.

Indecision is as fatal as wrongdoing. It requires nerve to face things and decide, but it pays.

The sense of strength and the glow of satisfaction which come after one has studied his duty and, after perplexity and trial, determined to stop drifting and sail right pay for all effort.

Bishop Merrill.

Bishop Stephen M. Merrill is the senior effective bishop of the Methodist Episcopal church. He was elected to the office in 1872 with seven others. Bishop Thomas Bowman was the first one elected and so would rank as the senior living member of the Episcopal board. Bishop R. S. Foster was also

BISHOP STEPHEN M. MERRILL.

elected on a ballot previous to Bishop Merrill, but both of these bishops are noneffective on account of age and infirmities.

Bishop Merrill was born in Ohio in 1825 and entered the ministry in 1846. He is not a graduate of college, but ranks among the most scholarly of men in special lines. He is the best living authority on Methodist law and usage, and has written a number of books which have become standards in doctrinal matters. He was pastor, presiding elder and editor. From the latter position he was elected to the episcopacy.

A well known English minister a short time since preached a Sunday evening sermon on "Hypocrisy." Soon after he received a letter from one of his members, who was manager of a large concern, saying: After hearing that sermon he had gone home and, thinking the matter over, had said to himself, "I am living the life of a hypocrite." He could not afford to do it. He sat down and wrote his employers, resigning his position because their business was being conducted in a manner that was injuring his spiritual life. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday were dark days. He had no prospects, and to throw up his position seemed folly, yet his soul said continually, "Better starve than be false to God!" Thursday came the answer. His employers had carefully considered the matter. They recognized his value and requested him to keep his position and conduct their business in a manner consistent with his spiritual convictions. It pays to be true to God. "Godliness is profitable to all things, having promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come." No man can afford to do business for himself or for others in a manner his conscience cannot approve. The best business policy is godliness and Christian integrity.

Fiji is Christian as few communities in the world are. Many other of the south Pacific groups of islands follow closely after. Yet these islands were but a generation since pagan and cannibal of the lowest type. The conversion of the South Sea islands is one of the most thrilling stories yielded by this eventful age.

It was Hallam who said: "I see that the Bible fits into every fold and crevice of the human heart. I am a man, and I believe that this is God's book, because it is man's book."

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

Topic For the Week Beginning Aug. 6—Comment by Rev. S. H. Doyle.

Topic.—Drifting.—Eph. iv, 14; Jas. i, 1-8.

We are living in an age characterized by the unsettlement of faiths. The tendency of the age is to cast reflection and doubt upon the beliefs of the past, in science, literature, history and religion. Many past scientific beliefs are doubted or discarded. Literature and history fare little better. Doubt has been cast upon Homer's authorship of the "Iliad" and "Odyssey," William Tell's existence, Shakespeare's title to the plays which have been attributed to his name. This spirit is specially prolific in the sphere of religion. What is not doubted by some one? The result is that many are unsettled and unstable. Many do not know what to believe. They are drifting. They are "children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive."

The tendency to drift with the current in such times is strong. On the other hand, the importance of steadfastness and stability in religious faith is unquestioned and unquestionable. He that wavereth, that doubteth, hath no power with God. "He that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. Let not that man think that he shall receive anything of the Lord." Strong, real, unquestioned faith in God is the first essential to a satisfactory, progressive religious life.

To safeguard ourselves against drifting is therefore a very important matter. Some directions for doing so are suggested in the topical references.

1. Knowledge is a safeguard against drifting. Ignorance is the cause of much lack of stability. Knowledge is therefore the cure. The ignorant, like children, are easily influenced and easily deceived by the cunning craftiness of men. Christ has therefore appointed teachers of His word—apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors—for the very purpose of the edifying of the saints that they may not be imposed upon and deceived by false teachers. The regular attendant upon the ministry of the word is better safeguarded against the assaults of the tempter than one who neglects God's house. God also promises us wisdom in answer to prayer. "If any man lacketh wisdom, let him ask of God * * * and it shall be given him." Pray for wisdom to remain steadfast in faith.

2. Christlikeness is a safeguard against drifting. The reception and practice of Christian truth leads us "unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ," and thus we are safeguarded. The nearer we are to Christ in thought, word and deed, the harder it will be to lead us away from our faith in God, in Him and in a blessed future life with them.

Bible Readings.—Deut. x, 20; Job xi, 14, 15; Math. vii, 24-29; I Cor. xv, 58; Col. ii, 5; I Thess. v, 21; Heb. ii, 1-4; iv, 14; x, 23; xiii, 9; I Pet. i, 6-9; v, 8, 9; II Pet. iii, 17, 18; Rev. ii, 10.

The Company of Christ.

It was said of Melik Shah, one of the noblest of the Seljuk emperors, that "to belong to his household, to hold his commands, was not merely an honor and a privilege. It was also an apprenticeship in principles. In serving the sultan one grew like him, and a standard of conduct was thus set up, modeled upon the life of the royal master, the pattern and exemplar of the age. A chief of governor was esteemed by public opinion in accordance with the degree in which he conformed to the sultan's example."

These words could scarcely be improved upon as a statement of the privileges and duties of Christian discipleship. How truly to belong to Christ is "not merely an honor and a privilege," but "also an apprenticeship in principles!" If in serving the famous sultan one grew like him, much more is this true of the follower of Jesus Christ.—Evangelist.

Good Advice.

It will not pay to be always asking, Will it pay?

Infidelity plucks the flowers and scoffs at the gardener.

It is only the coward that finds it necessary to be cruel.

It is not opposition without, but apathy within that hinders.

Competition may be the life of business, but it is the death of the church.

The safety vaults of your heavenly treasures may be the hands of the needy.

To turn a new leaf is not enough, there must be a new life to make the record.

Many a man will slam the door in the devil's face and open a window to let him in.—American Hebrew.

A Dear School.

Experience keeps a dear school. But fools will learn in no other, and scarce in that, for it is true we may give advice, but we cannot give conduct. However, they that will not be counseled cannot be helped, and if you will not hear reason she will surely rap your knuckles.—Franklin.

Escaping Debts.

The Christian who prays that his debts may be forgiven of God should not act on the assumption that in lieu of that forgiveness he may escape his just debts to man.—Christian Intelligencer.

Let Not Your Heart Be Troubled.

Let not your heart be troubled.
Have faith. Believe in Me.
I go to prepare a mansion
In Father's house for thee.

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Although I go away;
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How sweet those words to me—
That where He is, there also
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CURRENT EVENTS.

There is more wealth in the United States than in any other country in the world. This fact would be discreditable rather than honorable if the men of wealth in the United States, or a great proportion of them, did not use their money for noble purposes. In no nation is so much given to charitable and educational institutions. This record for the past six years will astonish most of our readers. Here it is:

In 1893	$29,000,000
In 1894	32,000,000
In 1895	32,800,000
In 1896	27,000,000
In 1897	45,000,000
In 1898	38,000,000
Total	$203,800,000

This year the spirit of giving has been strong in our men and women who are blessed with an abundance of this world's goods, and by the end of the year we shall probably see that something like $50,000,000 has been devoted to charity and education by liberal-minded, big-hearted Americans.

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Dean Hoffmann, is sixth in descent from Martinus Hoffmann, who came to America in 1640, and son of the late Samuel Verplank Hoffmann. The family has been a factor in the social, commercial and political life of New York city for two and a half centuries. Conservative capitalists estimate the present value of the Hoffmann estate at from $15,000,000 to $20,000,000, but no one, not even the dean himself, can appraise it with certain accuracy. It was founded before the Republic was born, and under the never-faulty Hoffmann management has been growing year by year and decade by decade, almost without intermission, ever since. It now takes in row on row of downtown structures and block after block uptown. The Hoffman house itself is worth more than $1,000,000.

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	PAS. A. M.	EXP. A. M.	PAS. P. M.	MAIL P. M	MAIL P M	EXP P. M
Philadelphia	7 25	10 20	11 52	3 46	5 55	11.10
Baltimore	4 10	9.15	12 05	1.46	4:20	7.53
Wilmington	8.13	11 04	2.35	4.27	6:55	11.56
Farnhurst	f 8.22		f 2.44		7.04	
New Castle	8 27	f 11.21	2.49	4.39	7:09	
State Road	f 8 33		f 2.54		7:14	
Bear	f 8.38		f 2.59	f 4.48	7:19	
Porter	8.45		f 3.04	f 4.52	7:25	
Kirkwood	8.50		f 3.09		7:30	
Mt. Pleasant	8.55		f 3.17		7:38	
Armstrong	f 9.03		f 3.21		7:42	
Middletown	9 08	11.50	3.26	5 18	7:48	12.39
Townsend	9 17		3.34	5 28	7:56	
Blackbird	f 9.22		f 3.39		f 8:01	
Gr'n Spring	f 9.27		f 3.45		f 8:07	
Clayton	9 33	12 07	3.51	5.42	8:13	12 57
Smyrna LV	9 23	11.57	3.41	5 21	8:03	
Brenford	f 9.38		f 3.59		f 8:18	
Cheswold	f 9.43		f 4.04		f 8:24	
Dupont			f 4.07			
Dover	9.58	12.23	4.14	5.59	8:34	1.16
Wyoming	10.05	f 12.29	4.20	6.05	8:40 a	1.24
Woodside	f 10 11			f 6.11	f 8 47	
Viola	f 10.15			f 6.15	f 8.51	
Felton	10 20	f 12.40		6.20	8.56 a	1.38
Harrington	10 34	12.53		6.33	9.07	1.50
Farmington	f 10 42	a 1.0;		f 6.41	f 9.15	
Greenwood	f 10.50	f 1 08		f 6.49	f 9.22	
Bridgeville	10.58	f 1.16		6.57	9.31 a	2.1s
Cannons	f 11 03			f 7.02	f 9.36	
Seaford	11 13	1.27		7.11	9 45	2.26
Laurel	11.23	f 1.37		7.21	9.55 a	2.38
Delmar	11.33	1.46		7.30	10 05	2.50

NORTHWARD.

	EXP. A. M.	MAIL A. M.	EXP. A. M.	MAIL P. M.	EXP. P. M.	PAS P. M
Delmar	f 1.08		7.00	8.00	12 15	3.30
Laurel	f 1.21		7.11	8.10	2.25	3.41
Seaford	1.34		7.23	8 24	2 35	3.56
Cannons			f 7.31	f 8.31		f 4.04
Bridgeville	f 1.48		7.37	8.37	f 2.46	4.11
Greenwood			f 7.45	f 8.45	f 2.54	f 4.19
Farmington			f 7.53	f 8.53		f 4.27
Harrington	2.22		8.05	9 06	3.08	4.40
Felton	f 2.33		8.14	9.16	f 3.18	4:49
Viola			f 8.18	f 9.20		f 4.53
Woodside			f 8.22	f 9.24		f 4.57
Wyoming	p 2:46	36 57	8 26	9.31	f 3 30	5.05
Dover	2.52	7 03	8.35	9.38	3.36	5.11
Dupont		f 7 08				
Cheswold		f 7.13		f 9.48		f 5:20
Brenford		f 7.18		f 9.53		f 5:25
Smyrna LV		7.15	8.42	9 50	3.41	5:21
Clayton	3.09	7.25	8.53	10 00	3.54	5:31
Gr'n Spring		f 7.29				f 5:35
Blackbird		f 7.36		f 10.08		f 5:43
Townsend		7 40	9 06	10 14	4 07	5:50
Middletown	3.30	7.50	9 15	10.24	4.16	5:58
Armstrong		f 7.54				f 6:2
Mt Pleasant		7.58		f 10 33		6:06
Kirkwood		8.08		10.42		6:16
Porter		8.15	9 34	10.48	4.34	6:22
Bear		f 8.20		f 10.53		f 6:27
State Road		f 8 25		f 10 58		f 6.32
New Castle		8.31	9 46	11.04	f 4.47	6:37
Farnhurst		f 8.36	9 50	f 11.09		f 6.42
Wilmington	4 15	8.45	9 58	11.19	4.59	6:50
Baltimore	6 22	10 34	12 45	2.05	7.10	8:43
Philadelphia	5.10	9.32	10 46	12.06	5 43	7:42
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